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My battalion, which belongs to the 24th Division, is stationed at Carevo Selo. Instead of engaging in training, the entire battalion is engaged constantly in ambushes and patrols to guard the frontier. Last year we guarded the actual frontier, but later, because our rifle units were not sufficiently trusted, only frontier troops remained on the border and we defended the frontier for 10 kilometers from the border.

There are neither native Macedonian enlisted men nor native Macedonian officers in our division or in other divisions in Macedonia. The divisions consist chiefly of Slavonians, Croats, and Dalmatians. The natives are not trusted.

Our unit, like the other units, does not train regularly because it is sent to various labor projects. All the regiments of my division have worked on the Belgrade-Zagreb highway, where they stay for 2 1/2 months each.

The troops frequently remain without food because no trucks are available for its transportation. The trucks are all earmarked to carry timber which is ~~sent to the front~~ ~~sent to the front~~.

There is discrimination in feeding the troops. Rifle units are fed much worse than units of the KNOJ, which guard the frontier directly. Units of the KNOJ receive meat nearly every day, while out units do not even have cooking fat.

Because of the difficult conditions and continuous mistreatment, the majority of noncommissioned officers of the entire division do not wish to remain in the army, but long for demobilization. There is not one noncommissioned officer in my battalion who wishes to remain in the army.

The number of KOS officers in the division lately has been steadily increasing. They recruit soldiers of bourgeois and kulak families to spy on the officers and noncommissioned officers, because they do not trust the others. Officers and noncommissioned officers avoid the KOS officers. Arrests of a large number of officers have been attempted recently. Twelve were arrested in the artillery regiment of my division and 24 in the entire division.

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It is often said that the officers arrested are transferred to other units. Provocations are arranged and new arrests are engineered. If an officer is 5 minutes late for an assembly, if he allows the soldiers to rest 5 minutes longer than required, if he treats the soldiers leniently, he is called a Cominformist and a saboteur. None of it serves their purpose. The great majority of the officers realize the treachery of the Tito clique and will not follow the orders of traitors. There are few Titoist officers in the battalions of our division. We shun the Titoists and, among ourselves, we freely discuss the situation, the obvious lies of Tito's Borla, Tito's hostility toward the USSR, and the news broadcast by the Moscow radio and stations in the people's democracies. Many officers and their soldiers will not take part in the campaigns slandering the USSR and the people's democracies.

Only a handful of corrupt higher officers and individual degenerates are on Tito's side. The great majority in the Yugoslav Army are with the Communists and the working class of Yugoslavia, who are struggling for the overthrow of the government of the Tito-Rankovic clique.

As an officer serving in the eastern part of Macedonia for more than 4 years, I had the opportunity to become acquainted with the situation in that region. Until the beginning of 1949 the people hesitated, not sufficiently realizing Tito's treachery. But when the mass arrests of the best Communists (in Carevo Selo Brez alone 35 Communists were arrested), the hostile policy toward the USSR and a great worsening of the economic situation of the working masses began, the treachery of Tito's authorities became clear to the people. After this they began to resist the traitors. Thus far, the chief form of resistance has been the boycotting of everything that Tito's authorities undertake in line with their policy.

A terrible situation exists in the Stip jail, where there are many prisoners. A daily ration of 120 grams of bread and water is given to the jailed comrades. Their relatives are not allowed to bring them food. There are cases of severe beatings during questioning.

The so-called voluntary work brigades long ago ceased to be voluntary. They are formed, like the workers' cooperatives, by force. Recruiting for the workers' cooperatives is done by summonses and threats of the Local People's Council.

The people generally will not go to Tito's conferences. The last conference in Carevo Selo was held in February 1949, when Tito's General Apostolski, who was traveling in all the brez of Macedonia spreading propaganda, arrived in Carevo Selo. When he began to slander the Bulgarian Communist Party and Bulgaria in his speech, most people left the conference.

Since then, the people have refused to go to the conferences. For Tito's birthday on 25 May, it was announced through the UDB, the Party, and posters that a conference would be held with a lecture on the "Greatness and Genius of Tito." Only three officers and two civilians went to the conference. The conference was postponed until 28 May when about 20 citizens were forcibly brought in, and the conference was held.

On Plackovica Mountain, large-scale timber cutting, a real devastation, is taking place because of exports to England. The UDB and the militia force the people to work in the forests, but the people resist and will not go. One often hears the saying: "We are not going to devastate the forest for the English." -- Capt Blagoj Spasovski, Yugoslav Army

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